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Subject: Tarrant Area Food Bank Partner Update: SNAP pause risk after Oct 27

Greetings,

As you know, Tarrant Area Food Bank supports 13 counties with more than 572,000 food insecure individuals, of which 187,000 are children. Below are details on the financial implications of the current government shutdown and the recent loss of federal funding for Tarrant Area Food Bank and the broader community, as well as our efforts to proactively mitigate this challenge.

If the government shutdown extends past October 27, we anticipate that 11,464 neighbors per day will be impacted across our 13-county service area. Currently, each household enrolled in SNAP receives an average of \$387/per month. This means that if the shutdown continues, approximately 33,247 meals will be lost daily in our service area. Also, over 42,000 military and federal employees may be impacted.

Recent federal policy changes resulted in reductions in nutrition assistance programs, including a loss of more than \$5 million to Tarrant Area Food Bank, and SNAP Education programming was eliminated. These shifts are increasing pressure on Tarrant Area Food Bank and our local network of more than 500 partner agencies.

County	SNAP Enrollees	Ages < 17	Ages 18-59	Ages > 60	SNAP Payments (Monthly)	Avg Payment / Household	Individuals Paused / Day after Nov. 1	SNAP Meals Paused / Day	SNAP Payments Paused / Day after Dec. 1
Bosque	1,868	810	688	370	\$288,725	\$327	66	192	\$9,624.17
Cooke	3,865	1,956	1,308	601	\$627,904	\$359	137	397	\$20,930.13
Denton	46,037	23,270	16,658	6,109	\$8,013,657	\$390	1,631	4,729	\$267,121.90
Erath	3,082	1,493	1,162	427	\$486,032	\$361	109	317	\$16,201.07
Hamilton	884	394	346	144	\$137,359	\$330	31	91	\$4,578.63
Hill	4,471	1,897	1,712	862	\$718,061	\$323	158	459	\$23,935.37
Hood	4,412	1,956	1,705	751	\$706,690	\$337	156	453	\$23,556.33
Johnson	17,110	8,225	6,417	2,468	\$2,844,703	\$371	606	1,758	\$94,823.43
Palo Pinto	3,349	1,510	1,276	563	\$526,241	\$334	119	344	\$17,541.37
Parker	9,585	4,337	3,690	1,558	\$1,578,199	\$352	340	985	\$52,606.63
Somervell	651	306	239	106	\$101,125	\$342	23	67	\$3,370.83
Tarrant	222,707	111,899	81,417	29,391	\$39,178,895	\$395	7,889	22,877	\$1,305,963.17
Wise	5,637	2,685	2,121	831	\$920,702	\$368	200	579	\$30,690.07
<b>TAFB Total</b>	<b>323,658</b>	<b>160,738</b>	<b>118,739</b>	<b>44,181</b>	<b>\$56,128,293</b>	<b>\$353</b>	<b>11,464</b>	<b>33,247</b>	<b>\$1,870,943.10</b>



Over the past 3 years, Tarrant Area Food Bank has prepared for potential shifts in federal support by cultivating local donor relationships and pioneering innovative service models. Some examples of these initiatives include:

1. **The R.E.D. (Resources and Education Delivered) Bus** This mobile resource brings emergency food assistance and critical services—such as education and benefits enrollment—directly to high-need communities. It exemplifies our commitment to meeting people where they are with holistic, wraparound support.
2. **Agricultural Hub Expansion** Our ag hub not only sources fresh produce from a diverse network of suppliers but is also preparing to expand into protein sourcing in the coming year. This will enhance our ability to provide balanced nutrition to our community.
3. **Ready to Learn In-School Markets** These markets are embedded in local schools and are fully funded by private donors. They increase food access for children and families right where they live and learn, eliminating many barriers to food security.
4. **Volunteer recruitment** across TAFB counties to build public awareness and increase the support needed to distribute food and services.
5. **Food Rescue and Market Creation:** Building new economic markets for surplus food from local/regional American farmers and producers and food co-operatives.
6. **Operational Support:** Sustaining facility, distribution, and program operations during rising demand and shrinking federal support.
7. **Retail Food Sourcing Expansion:** Increasing the volume and variety of donated food from regional grocers and retail partners.

We are seeing increased demand for food and know that demand will increase even more when SNAP benefits are paused. Our team remains committed to assisting and facilitating applications for benefits throughout the shutdown in anticipation of the funds being retroactively released following the end of the shutdown.

During this time of uncertainty for the most vulnerable in our community, we remain committed to providing unwavering support to those experiencing food insecurity through hundreds of food distributions via mobile markets, traditional pantries, and special event distributions. The holiday season traditionally brings increased need, and we anticipate a greater than normal call to action.

If any community members reach out for assistance, please refer them to the Tarrant Area Food Bank's [Find Food Map](#) to provide the most up-to-date locations for food distributions.

## How You Can Help

If you would like to support Tarrant Area Food Bank, you can help by donating food or funds.

- We are urgently seeking all types of food, especially essential staples like protein, milk, and infant formula to help maintain our inventory and meet growing needs should the shutdown continue beyond October 27<sup>th</sup>.



- We welcome food and grocery product donations in pallets or truckloads. Your support gives TAFB and our 500+ network partner agencies the flexibility to respond quickly and effectively to the anticipated rise in demand resulting from the loss of SNAP benefits.
- Refer community members to TAFB's [Find Food Map](#) for the latest distribution locations.
- [Donate Now](#) to the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Every dollar you donate helps us provide 5 meals.

We will continue to update you on our efforts to ensure nutritious meals reach kitchen tables across our 13-county service area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Butner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Butner, Tarrant Area Food Bank President & CEO

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